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Socialist Vanished

TV Scout

Top official disappears in two-part 'Vanished'

"Vanished" on World Premiere Movie (9-11, Channel 4) makes TV history tonight. It's four hours long, will be shown on consecutive nights, has speaking roles for over 100 actors, is a fine adaptation by Dean Reisner of the Fletcher Knebel best-seller, has Richard Widmark in the first TV role and is produced by David Victor and David O'Connell, the Marcus Welby, M.D. team.

It's a gripping story, set in high level Washington. Arthur Hill, the close personal friend and advisor to the President

of the U.S. (Widmark), vanishes. Eleanor Parker is his wife, James Farentino is the press secretary who gets involved and Syke Aubrey is his secretary and mistress. Sherree North, in a fine cameo, is a woman who supplies an early clue to Hill's doings, E. G. Marshall is the humorless head of the CIA, Robert Hooks is an FBI man and Robert Young, in a wonderful characterization, is a flamboyant senator from the opposition.